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Tuesday, January 01, 2008

Mr. Greg Cox, Associate Director of prisons 3955 West Russel Road Las Vegas, Nevads 89118

Re: Donald Hinton, #96839 H.D.S.P.

Attn: Cynthia

Dear Sir.

This letter is written to you because Suzie, in Director Skolnik's office, sent me to you for the following problems:

1. Mail delivery at High Desert State Prison has completely fallen down on delivery to the prisoners, and I speak directly for my son. He hasn't received his mail for approximately three (3) weeks, and never within an acceptable time table. Always 7 to 10 days late-efter I have placed it in the mail. This time it has completely gone overboard. I write my son, at least, two times a week-cometimes more than that. In fact, I have complained to Warden Nevers on this postal matter before. And, I received a letter from Warden Nevens in return-explaining to me that there is an alternative way for addressing prisoner's mail. However, for years I have addressed my son's letters in the exact manner as the one I just had returned to me this day. There is no mistake on the addressing of my letters to my son—that it is in any way improper. I have checked with the post office at Indian Springs, Nevada, if there was, in any way, something wrong with the way I had been addressing my letters to my son? Their answer: "Any letter addressed in this manner—would be delivered to the prison." The non-delivery of my letters does not rest with the postal authorities. It rests within the prison. My question is: "Wity."

I am going to make a copy of my returned letter's envelope. It is marked: "No inmale Number." This is beyond belief, very insutting and stupid to any one who can read-even at the third grade level. My letter is properly addressed. Possibly, the officer who marked my letter for return-could use a remedial math or reading class.

The letter I received from Warden Neven was, in and of itself, confusing. It did not directly address my concerns about my mallings, except to straighten the issue of which zip code to use for the prison. He offered alternative ways to address letters, but never said the one I sent to him for viewing — addressed to my son and to give him the facts of which I was speaking, was not, in any way, wrongly addressed. Nor, did he say my son's number was not on the returned letter. Nor, did he say he would ask the mail room to be more considerate. That was overlooked. We both know how that goes. That letter I gave to Warden Nevens addressed to my son, also, stated: "Needs Inmate Number." That letter is available, but not as of this writing. I don't have time to look for it.

I am not going to blind side you. I think you can have these problems fromed out to everyone's satisfaction, but on January 03, 2006 —I am addressing the above mentioned, and other problems, with the Committee on Judiciary Justice in front of Commissioner/Supreme Court Justice Hardesty, and the rest of the committee. Some things just cannot be permitted to continue. Keeping an immate from his family via letters is one of them.

2. In addition, I have purchased both a food package, and a clothing package, for my son's personal use, as authorized by the prison. My son has been notified that his packages were available to him several weeks ago, but the unit officers have decided that no one will get the packages, because the officers refuse to collect them for their entire unit. This ten't just simply a forgotten item—it is a deliberate refusel for someone to do their job. And if I am mistalcen on who has the responsibility to get this simple task done—I leave that in your hands to see that someone takes responsibility. If, no one else, maybe the warden, or assistant warden, can give you a job description on who has the responsibility to get these family-paid-for-packages to the prisoners—as I have notified both of them those times. My phone records will bear this out.

Trusting you will have a great New Year. Respectfully,

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January 11, 2008

Donald Hinton 1919 Hall Wood Drive Las Vegas, NV 89119

RE: Correspondence received January 4, 2008

Mr. Hinton,

I am in receipt of your letter regarding mail delivery at HDSP and your son's food and

placed the call to the Governor.

As for your 1st concern regarding the letter returned to you on December 28, 2007; On October 31st you were sent a letter advising you of two proper ways to address a letter to an inmate at HDSP. Both of these examples have the inmates name followed by his back number on the same line. You sent a photo copy of the envelope that was which clearly shows that you did not follow either average they have the personnel sort through thousand they have have they have the have the have they have the have they have they have t

Pool 15 1 As for the voice mail you left my assistant stating that your son better not be written up for the call you placed to AWO Baca while your son was on the other line walting for a response:

AR 718.01, section 1.8 states: Abuse of the telephone system, including three calls, using another inmate's PIN, or circumvention in any

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Department's contracted inmate phone system carrier will result in disciplinary action and possible restriction from placing personal calls.

He abused the system by circumventing when he had you call Baca to relay information. This act constituted inappropriate use of the telephone which is a Class A violation under AR 707 (inmate disciplinary process).

Sincerely,

Deputy Director

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CC: Governor Gibbons

Director Skolnik Warden Neven

NDOC Family Services

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October 31, 2007

Donald Hinton, Sr. 1919 E. Hallwood Drive Les Vegas, NV 89119

Re: U.S. Mail

Mr. Hinton:

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated October 19, 2007 wherein you request the correct zip code for High Desert State Prison and inquire about your delayed mail.

As for the correct zip code, that number would be 89070. The U.S. Postal Service changed the zip code form 89018 to 89070 approximately two years ago. Some envelopes with High Desert State Prison's pre-printed address may still have the old zip code. The cost of reprinting envelopes to change only the zip code is not in our budget or cost effective which as a taxpayer I'm sure you appreciate. Therefore, many employees must use the older envelopes until the supply has been depleted.

Your request to "enlighten" you on the reason behind your delayed mail is apparent from the copy of the envelope you have enclosed. The Post Office returned it to you because they feel it is not a complete address. I offer two suggestions to expedite your mail:

OR

High Desert State Prison P.O. Box 650 Indian Springs, NV 89070

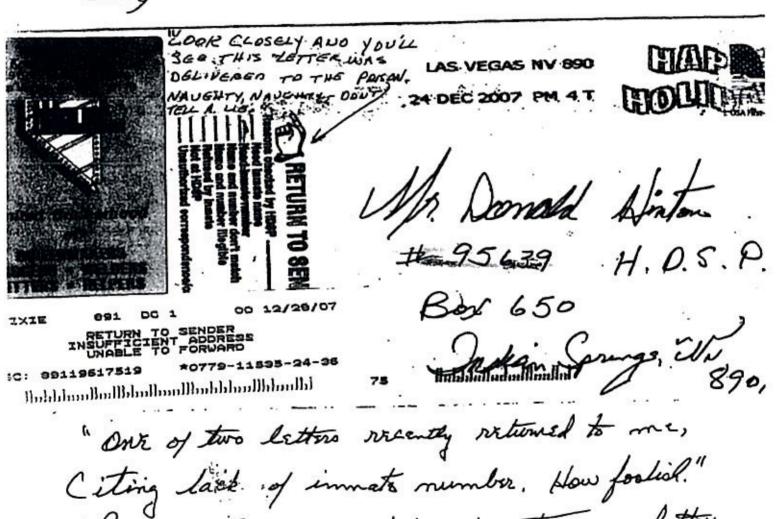
Donald Hinton #95639 c/o High Desert State Prison P.O. Box 650

With regard to your final paragraph criticizing our efforts to deliver mail I would like to remind you that the U.S. Postal Service refused to deliver your mail as a result of the manner in which it was addressed. Additionally, I do not understand your comments regarding mail between High Desert State Prison and Southern Desert Correction Center. Has your son's mail been sent to Southern Desert Correctional Center in error? If that is the case, this is not an NDOC issue but a Postal issue as they are responsible for allocating mail to the correct Post Office Boxes. If the mail does need to be sent from one facility to another, Postal Regulations dictate U.S. Mail received that is undeliverable to an addressee must be forwarded via U.S.P.S. to the intended recipient.

I hope this addressed your concern.

D. W. Neven, Warden High Desert State Prison

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Sunday, January 06, 2008

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To Whom it May Concern:

Below is listed the approved High Desert State prison packages ordered by myself, Donald Hinton, Sr., for my son, Donald Hinton II #95639—at High Desert State Prison as his Christmas package for the year 2007.

Food Package ordered on December 03, 2007.

Package sent December 04, 2007.

Package arrived at High Desert State Prison December 07, 2007.

Tracking number: 125X0809035148626.

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Clothing Package ordered December 03, 2007.

Package sent December 07, 2007.

Package delivered to High Desert State Prison on December 10, 2007.

Tracking number: 125008090351510396.

Certified copy to be mailed to me at my address in Las Vegas, Nevada.

That is the name of that tune. All interested parties are welcome to the information being delivered to the District Attorney-in Las Vegas, Nevada-as soon as it arrives.

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Prison bill passes in California

By DON THOMPSON

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Legislators hoping to avoid a federal takeover of California's overcrowded prisons approved a \$7.3 billion plan on Thursday to add beds and beef up rehabilitation programs.

The bill, negotiated by Democratic and Republican leaders, passed unanimously in the Assembly but barely got the required two-thirds majority in the Senate with a

27-10 vote.

The plan, which now goes to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, would add 53,000 beds for inmates, including 13,000 at county jails.

It also would boost rehabilitation programs, including education and job training, and let the governor continue to transfer thousands of inmates

out of state.

Proponents said the combination would reduce overcrowding in state prisons and county jails while trying to end the cycle that sends seven of every 10 ex-convicts back to prison soon after their release.

"We are not treating a symptom, we are proposing a cure, said Republican Assemblyman Greg Aghazarian, the

bill's co-author.

Schwarzenegger was expected to sign the bill, which still must pass muster with the

federal courts.

The Legislature was under a June court deadline to come up with a plan to case its severe prison overcrowding, which is at the core of problems includ-ing poor inmate health care and high suicide rates.

The state's 33 prisons were designed to hold about 100,000 inmates but now house more than 172,000, and some prisoners must sleep in hallways or California budget cuts might mean no prison time for some criminals

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Car thleves, forgers, scam artists, drunken drivers and some drug dealers might never serve a day in prison, even for repeat crimes, under Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposals to reduce California's inmate and parolee population, corrections department and law enforcement officials

It's one of the many potential consequences of abruptly upending the prison system to save a projected \$400 million in corrections department costs over the next 18 months.

Schwarzenegger is asking state lawmakers to approve releasing nonviolent, nonserious, nonsex offenders from prison if they have less than 20 months remaining on their sentences, It's part of the plan he announced Thursday to pare a \$14.5 billion state budget deficit.

Those offenders would be released on "summary pa-role," where they would be subject to searches and drug tests but would not be under a parole officer's supervision. They could be sent back to prison only if they were convicted of new crimes, not for routine parole violations.

The proposals would apply to new convicts as well as to current prisoners, said James Tilton, secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

"There is going to be a population that does not spend one day in prison," corrections spokesman Oscar Hidalgo said.

The department said those convicted of drug offenses, drunken driving, white collar or property crimes such as vehicle theft or receiving stolen property probably would serve little or no time.

those Prosecutors said crimes typically bring sen-

or three-years in prison, depending on the circumstances. The defendants might serve time in county jail while they await trial, but would not be sent to state prison after their conviction.

"As far as I'm concerned, this entire program is an act of insanity," said Kern County District Attorney Edward Jagels. "They will do less time than they would if they were sent to a local jail."

would eliminate about 4,500 guard positions vacancies and attrition, Tilton estimated more than 1,000 guards might eventually be laid off.

Releasing long-term inmates a few months early will not boost California's crime rate, based on the experience of 13 other jurisdictions in the United States and Canada, according to a study released Thursday by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

"The research is overwhelming that you can do this without endangering public safety," said Barry Krisberg, president of the Oakland-based research organization. "If people start trying to terrorize the community that there's going to be a crime wave, that's not going to happen."

enforcement Local law upset that agencies are proposes Schwarzenegger trimming their state funding by 10 percent, or roughly \$70 million, while putting more criminals back on the street.

Corrections experts said the state's prison problem has been building for three decades, as lawmakers and voters added more than 1,000 felony sentencing laws.

"I voted for these measures like 'three-strikes' too," said Vacaville Police Chief Richard Word, president of the California Police Chiefs Association. "I guess this is the price you have to pay. The bill is due now"